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Applicant(s) : Akira FUJISHIMA et al.
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Title : Benzimidazole Compound Crystal

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, first sentence, insert "This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP00/03881, filed on June 15, 2000."

- ✓ Page 3, line 14, delete "includes" and substitute therefor --include--
- ✓ Page 3, line 17, delete "method" and substitute therefor --methods--
- ✓ Page 4, line 16, delete "an"
- ✓ Page 4, line 19, delete "an"
- ✓ Page 5, line 10, delete "mixture" and substitute therefor --mixtures--
- ✓ Page 5, line 26, delete "Thus" and substitute therefor --A thus--
- ✓ Page 6, line 8, delete "more unlikely" and substitute therefor --less likely--
- ✓ Page 6, line 11, delete "doses" and substitute therefor --dosage--; after "and" insert --with a--
- ✓ Page 6, line 26, delete "burn" and substitute therefor --burns--
- ✓ Page 26, line 24, delete "secretion-inhibit" and substitute therefor --secretion-inhibiting--
- ✓ Page 27, line 5, delete "more unlikely" and substitute therefor --less likely--
- ✓ Page 27, line 9, delete "doses" and substitute therefor --dosage--; after "and" insert --with a--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 7, page 28, rewrite the claim to read:

"A method for manufacturing a pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing digestive ulcer comprising formulating the composition with the crystal claimed in Claim 1."